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MISSOURI

The heifers of the future will be known, perhaps, as a rare and ruminant maiden.

There's a whole bunch of us willing to be generous at the expense of somebody else.

A bill has been introduced at Washington providing for clean money. No more filthy lucre.

If it is true that crinoline is going to be revived, it must be that golf is going out of fashion.

At 40 one's wish to grow old gracefully is chiefly made up of an earnest desire not to grow fat.

One means of checking the spread of the divorce mania would be to put a curb on the hasty marriage craze.

Some men display a total lack of interest in a cat show when offered to sit up all night feeding the kitty.

At least Japan must be credited with a resolute effort to keep looking at the silver lining of its war cloud.

It was not James Lane Allen, the novelist, who struck the \$1,750,000 oil well in Texas. Too good to be true.

J. D. Rockefeller Jr. says that if you live long enough you are bound to win, a remarkably profound statement.

The doings in Cripple Creek remind one of old times. But poor Bret Harte isn't here to write them up properly.

It is indignantly denied that Colombia is eager to possess the pen with which the Panama junta signed that canal treaty.

When Dr. Hillis predicts that in fifty years the women "will be" smarter than the men, doesn't he know that it is no compliment?

A Washington paper believes that Adam owned the first talking machine, but Adam never said a word until Eve arrived and began it.

Africa is being ravaged by the "sleeping sickness," the malady being even more acute there than it is in the United States senate.

Mrs. Langtry found herself fascinated by the "splendid vice" and "uncouth masculinity" of Chicago. Think of that for a Jersey lily!

The author of the song, "The Last Farewell," says he can't understand how Patti came to accept and sing it. Perhaps the title pleased her.

A bald-headed man in Missouri is suing for a divorce because his wife compelled him to sit on the front stoop all summer to keep the flies out of the house.

As usual at this time of year, the more one looks at the literature in the Christmas magazines the more one is disposed to admire the truly beautiful pictures.

The whole number of pieces of stamped paper sold by the postoffice last year was 7,024,902,796. This country pays a big stamp tax now without complaint.

A New York preacher became the father of triplets a few days ago. If he can go on preaching peace on earth now it will have to be admitted that he's a wonder.

There is renewed talk of shortening the college course. But how can an expert football player succeed in doing in three years what he is expected to do in four years?

It is with a sense of regret we note that Lady Constance Mackenzie has come to hunt the Mexican wild hog instead of the American species, which we could spare so easily.

Mrs. Ogden Goelt says she is disgusted with America, and will in future make her home in Europe. She has not decided, however, to refuse to touch any more filthy American lucre.

Commander Robert E. Peary, who in June next begins his farewell tour to the north pole, says: "I shall not take my wife with me." Now, perhaps Mrs. Peary wouldn't put it in just that way.

The New York artist who left directions in his will that one of his friends should look over his paintings and destroy all the bad ones evidently picked out the right man. The friend says that all of them are good.

It has been practically decided that those wind shields and pacer records will not be admitted as regular, but will have to go into a class by themselves. That's right, give Father Time a square deal, just as he gives everybody else.

Possibly the teachers who advocate phonetic spelling are inspired by their failure to turn out good spellers with the present bad methods of teaching that branch. In the old days of "spelling down" and "leaving off head" there were few complaints.

## SLAYS FAMILY

CLEVELAND FATHER ENDS LIFE OF EACH MEMBER IN TURN.

KILLS HIS WIFE WHILE SHE SLEEPS

Then Catches His Son and Sends Bullet to His Brain—Overcomes Struggles of 8-Year-Old Daughter and Kills Her—Youngest Child Murdered Before He Awakens.

CLEVELAND.—(Special.) Roscoe W. Derby, machinist, about 48, exterminated his family Sunday by shooting his wife, his three children and then himself. The crime is believed to have been due to despondency over the impoverished condition of the family purse and the near approach of Christmas.

The crimes were extraordinary in their thoroughness and evidently there was no mishap in their enactment. The wife was killed first while sleeping at her husband's side in bed; two of the children were killed as they ran hither and thither through the house in the darkness of early morning, endeavoring to escape their merciless parent. The third child was killed in its bed after its elder brother and sister had been killed.

Derby had been down town as late as 11 o'clock Saturday night ostensibly shopping, but in all probability getting ammunition for his revolver. When he got home his wife and he talked with a neighbor who had been calling over the approaching festival. Derby seemed pale and nervous. Shortly after his arrival at home the neighbor left and the Derby family went to bed.

The crime is believed to have been committed about 4 o'clock Sunday morning. Mrs. Derby was shot to death in bed, two bullets having been fired into her forehead and a third, probably fired after the children had been exterminated, in the back of the neck.

Mrs. Derby probably was killed during sleep. The expression on her face was calm and peaceful. Two of her children, however, probably had a struggle with their infuriated parent, because they had been awakened by the noise of the revolver being fired, and sought to escape him, but without avail.

Harold's body was found lying in a pool of blood in the kitchen and that of Alice in the dining room, with her face to the floor and a bullet in her breast.

Harold may have been chased by his father, as there was evidence of flight in the manner in which the furnishings of the kitchen were thrown about. From the location of the bullets in his head, the boy evidently was caught by his father in a strong grasp and held while the weapon was placed against the little fellow's forehead and the bullet fired into his brain. Also there was evidence of a struggle on Alice's part.

The last of the children to die was Thomas, aged 5. He had remained in bed, probably still asleep, and also received bullets into his head, dying instantly.

After the extraordinary crimes had been committed, the perpetrator of them went into the bedroom where his wife had been killed, and, lying down at her side, fired a bullet into his own brain, and died at his wife's side.

A number of poolroom race checks were found about the house, showing that Derby had been trying his luck on betting.

The first knowledge of the crime was communicated in a letter written by Derby Saturday to a friend who lived not far away, and which was sent him by special delivery. The letter was to the effect that when it had been received the Derby family would be dead.

When the friend hurried to the house all that had been promised was seen to have been fulfilled.

DIES AT 105 YEARS.

Oldest Woman in Massachusetts Had Remarkable Career.

WORCESTER, MASS.—(Special.) Mrs. Honoretta Marshall of Webster is dead in the Worcester hospital for the insane at the age of 105 years 4 months and 12 days. She was believed to be the oldest woman in Massachusetts and was a remarkable character. Born in Poland August 8, 1798, she enjoyed as a young woman both wealth and high position. Left a widow nearly sixty years ago with great wealth at her command, she devoted herself to distributing her entire fortune to the poor. She had lived with a son at Webster for more than a score of years. Six years ago she developed a mania for walking by night and by day, and eventually had to be put in the Worcester hospital under restraint.

Farmer Clubbed to Death. GREELEY, NEB.—(Special.) Chas Woodward, a well-to-do farmer living near here, was clubbed to death Saturday, and Edward Hurley is under arrest, charged with the crime. Woodward, while in a saloon, became involved in a quarrel with Hurley's father. The two men stepped outside to settle it, and young Hurley followed. Woodward's dead and bruised body was found a few moments later. There were no witnesses to the fight. The coroner will hold an inquest.

He Killed an Officer. SAN QUENTIN, CAL.—(Special.) Burt Ross was hanged Friday in the state prison here for the murder of Deputy Sheriff W. D. Ward, of San Diego county. Ross, who had been convicted of burglary in San Diego, was being brought to the penitentiary by Deputy Ward on a coast steamer. At Port Hartford, Ross struck the officer a mortal wound. He was convicted and sentenced to death, but made a long fight for life, claiming that his intention was merely to stun Ward.

CAUGHT BY A "BUZZER." Mystery of Theft at Brown University Has Been Solved. PROVIDENCE, R. I.—(Special.) Poker playing among students of Brown university has led to the arrest of Ralph E. Hancock, of Stoneham, Mass., on the charge of larceny. He was put on probation after the case was heard, but has been dismissed from the university. Members of the faculty declare that the card playing which involved Hancock did not take place in the college buildings.

Ever since the college year opened students who patronize the swimming pool had been losing money and other valuables. In the most mysterious manner wallets disappeared from the clothing. Suspicion narrowed down to Hancock, but as he had led an exemplary life and was a leader in religious meetings, it was hardly thought that he could be the thief.

Various traps were set, but none proved effective until Saturday afternoon, when an "electric buzzer" was rigged in the office. At the other end of the wire was a pocketbook. Hancock was left alone in the locker room and a few minutes later the alarm sounded. A marked bill, which had been placed in the pocketbook, is alleged to have been found in Hancock's shoe. He confessed that he had perpetrated the long series of thefts, the proceeds of which ranged from small change up to \$25, and declares his losses at cards had drawn him into trouble.

## LAND FRAUDS

WEALTHY REAL ESTATE MAN ARRESTED IN WASHINGTON.

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Bribery is the Charge Made—Said to Have Paid \$500 to a Government Clerk—Wanted Information as to Investigation of Land Frauds That is in Progress.

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The charge on which the arrest was made was bribery, it being alleged in the affidavit of Mr. Burns and in the warrant that Benson had paid \$500 to Woodford D. Harlan, formerly chief of the special service division of the general land office and now a clerk in that office on March 15 of this year, for the purpose of extracting from him information regarding the investigation of his operations at that time being made by the land office.

The warrant was issued by United States Commissioner Anson S. Taylor and as soon as Benson had been apprehended by Officer Burns he was taken before Commissioner Taylor. He wished to have a preliminary hearing of his case postponed and the date for such hearing was fixed at Monday, December 28. He gave bail for his appearance on that date, when the government attorneys will ask to have him held for the grand jury.

The statement was made by an officer of the government to-night that the information obtained regarding the alleged conspiracy implicates a number of persons at present employed in the interior department at Washington and elsewhere. Numerous arrests are expected to follow that of Benson in short order, and some employees who

Arrives at Buffalo From Trip Through the Ice.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—(Special.) The steamer J. T. Hutchinson, Captain Smith, which left Detroit on Thursday for this port, arrived here Sunday under her own steam. The Hutchinson was on the rocks off Keweenaw point, Lake Superior. Her trip, a record-breaking one through the ice to Detroit, was resumed on Thursday, when she sailed from that port, accompanied by two ice breakers which conveyed her to clear water in Lake Erie.

During the voyage her own pumps and two additional ones placed aboard at Detroit were kept constantly at work, four of her compartments being filled with water. She carries a cargo of 150,000 bushels of flaxseed. Every craft and plant with steam up gave her a hearty welcome as she entered Buffalo harbor at 7 o'clock.

DON'T UNDERSTAND THE RAISE.

The Lackawanna Coal Wage Scale a Puzzle.

WILKESBARE, PA.—(Special.) The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Coal Company will pay its employees 7 per cent advance on the sliding scale for December, and this is puzzling some of the mine workers, who do not know whether it means a drop in the scale for the current month or not. Since the sliding scale went into effect this company has computed the advance due the miners in advance of the official figures of Charles H. Nell, and paid the men the increase during the month it was earned.

The other companies have waited and paid the increase in the following month after the official computation was made.

1,000 PASSENGERS IN PERIL.

Grounded Steamer Finland in Dangerous Position.

FLUSHING, HOLLAND.—(Special.) The Red Star line steamship Finland, which left Antwerp at noon Saturday for New York and later ran ashore near Nieuwenhuis, lies in a dangerous position.

The weather is foggy. The Finland has a thousand passengers on board.

The vessel was going sixteen knots an hour when she grounded. An attempt was made Sunday afternoon to float her, but it was unsuccessful.

Later, lighters got alongside the Finland and took out her cargo. The sea is calm, with light winds.

Shoots Wife and Himself.

CHICAGO.—(Special.) While crased with liquor Sunday, Fred Pfugrad, a machinist, shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide. Mrs. Pfugrad was lying sick in bed with her week-old baby, when, without a word of warning, her husband staggered into the room and opened fire. The woman was shot twice in the left side, and lived but a few minutes. Pfugrad then shot himself in the heart. The child was uninjured.

Boy Operates at Fault.

DES MOINES, IA.—(Special.) The coroner's jury investigating the cause of the wreck on the Milwaukee road near Adel last Sunday in which three lives were lost, has fixed the responsibility. They held the wreck was due to the carelessness of D. Slesator, the 17-year-old telegraph operator at Clive, who failed to carry out the instructions of the dispatcher at Des Moines in the delivery of the orders.

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may not be arrested will be dismissed from the service. It is said that Secretary Hitchcock and the special attorneys in the case have considered it absolutely necessary to the successful working out of the case that no action be taken with reference to any of the other alleged offenders until the principals in the case had been apprehended.

The government attorneys, Mr. Arthur B. Fugh, who has been the special attorney for the interior department on the land frauds, and Mr. Oliver Fugh, assistant attorney of the department of justice, who has also been employed on the case, stated in asking for a large bail bond for Benson that he had been guilty of bribery during his present visit to Washington, since last Monday, and in the interior department itself, notwithstanding that he was fully aware that his connection with the alleged frauds was known by the department. The statement was made later that Secretary Hitchcock was so incensed at the flagrant nature of this alleged offense that he told the officers to have Benson arrested at once, although it had not been planned to apprehend him at present.

Cuts His Son Short.

FORT WAYNE.—(Special.) The will of the late Judge James Cheney, who died Sunday, supposed to be the richest man in Indiana, was filed for probate Friday afternoon. The document is so drawn that no inkling of the value of his estate is given. The will leaves the entire estate to his three daughters. The son, Roswell W. Cheney, of Louisville, is to receive \$15,000 and \$50 a month during his life. Each of three sons-in-law is to receive \$10,000 cash.

## GIRLS LEAPED TO DEATH.

Young Women Jumped From a Fifth Floor in Dayton, O.

DAYTON, O.—(Special.) To escape death by suffocation, twelve girls leaped from the fifth story windows of the Canby building Friday. Several of them struck upon the roof and skylights of a one-story building below. The others were caught in a net by D. Lambert, who, by breaking the force of their fall probably saved six lives. The flames originated in the basement of the building, and the dense smoke went up the elevator shaft, quickly filling the upper floors. Two of the girls are dying. The others are dangerously injured.

Mrs. Eddy Calls Dentist.

NEW YORK.—(Special.) Rev. Dr. James M. Buckley, an able Methodist preacher and editor of the Christian Advocate, is fiercely attacking Christian Science and its chief advocate, Mary Baker Eddy. He declares Mrs. Eddy does not practice what she preaches. As an instance he relates that she had a toothache and instead of bringing to bear her fundamental principles she sent out for a dentist. More than that, she was placed under the influence of an anesthetic so that no pain should be felt while the troublesome tooth was being extracted. Dr. Buckley laid particular stress upon this story, saying it was authentic and could not be disproved.

Died of Starvation.

ST. PAUL, MINN.—(Special.) Mrs. Geneva Flaherty, of Duluth, while on her way to Mauston, Wis., her brother's home, died on a Northern Pacific train Friday as it was entering this city. The coroner's verdict was that death was due to starvation and exposure. Mrs. Flaherty was accompanied by four children, whose ages ranged from 15 months to 10 years. Her husband is in jail at Duluth on a charge of non-support, and it was while struggling against ill health and poverty to provide food for her children that she starved herself to such an extent that death followed.

Two Forgers Arrested.

INDIANAPOLIS IND.—(Special.) A. J. Carter and E. A. Benton have been arrested here charged with forgery. In Benton's valise was found a machine of the sort used in certifying checks a checkbook on the Indiana



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National bank with several blanks torn out, pens and several cards bearing the name of E. A. Benton, representing the Phoenix Iron works, Hartford, Conn., were also found in the grip. It is claimed the two men were working the old dual check forgery game.

Peddler Suspected of Murder.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—(Special.) Edward Moyer, a peddler, has been arrested at Sunbury, upon suspicion of having murdered Glendennin, the telegraph operator at Brown's tower. Suspicion was directed to Moyer by a claimant named Robinson, who claims that he met Moyer at Jersey Shore the day of the Glendennin murder, and Moyer said to him in the presence of others: "To-day is pay day on the railroad, and I am going to get some of that money instead of its going over the bar."

Lynchers Fined \$50 Each.

BEAUFORT, N.C.—(Special.) In the circuit court here eleven of the men indicted for complicity in the lynching of the negro school teacher, David S. Wyatt, June 6, entered pleas of guilty to the charge of rioting and were each fined \$50 and costs.

We'd rather walk than drive a horse afraid of the cars.

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS.

The London Daily Mail Saturday morning publishes an unconfirmed statement that the British war office is preparing a scheme for the compulsory military training of all males between the ages of 18 and 23 years. The Colorado world's fair board has accepted plans for a \$5,000,000 state building to be erected at the St. Louis exposition and work on the structure will be begun at once.

## No Comparison.

An exchange wants to know what would be thought of a man that would have his pants made from 16 to 30 inches longer than his legs and then go round holding them up to keep them from trailing in the mud and filth. He would probably be considered crazy. But where does the comparison come in? We don't know of any women who do thus.—Roller Monthly.

The Lonely Great City.

The loneliest place imaginable for young persons who are strangers to it, says the New York World, is a great city, where thousands pass unheeding and no familiar face is seen among them. London has seen of late an effort to remedy this in a Guild of Social Intercourse, which extends a friendly hand to educated men and women who lead lives of more or less dreary isolation for want of acquaintances.

Army Comparisons.

A study of statistics of the six great armies of Europe has shown Dr. V. Lowenthal that the German army is the healthiest. The Italian army ranks second and the British third, but it is believed that the latter would be the healthiest were it not for the great prevalence of venereal affections. Both the death rate and the number of cases of sickness are greatest in the French army.

Doesn't Work Both Ways.

"Yes," said the cynical manufacturer, "it is mighty easy to trade your reputation for money, but you're up against it when you try to trade back."—Automobile Magazine.

Women in Practice of Medicine.

Medicine as a profession for women is constantly growing in popularity in London. Women now holding medical degrees in Great Britain number more than 500.

Prevents Blow Holes.

For producing steel castings free from blow holes, M. Meslan advises adding an alloy of aluminum and calcium to the molten metal. He has found that the combination of these two metals absorbs all gases present.

Paraguay Oranges.

The Paraguayan orange is one of the best on the market in Buenos Ayres and Montevideo, particularly those which are grown in the higher portions of the country, called the cordillera, famous for their superior quality, sweetness and flavor.

About Equally Dangerous.

It is curious that one little pellet of lead in a man's anatomy is considered so strong a proof of devotion to his country when he can fill himself full of malaria or salicylic acid for the same reason and never be noticed.

A Western Woolgrower.

Newcastle, Wyo., Dec. 21.—There is a man in this place who claims that no one need suffer with backache, as he has proven in his own case that it can be completely and permanently cured. His name is S. C. Holst, and he is a stock raiser and woolgrower.

"I was shearing sheep at the time the first pain came on," says Mr. Holst. "I was so bad for two years afterwards that I could hardly sit down, and when once down it was almost impossible for me to get up again."

"I tried all the medicine I could hear of and several doctors without help, not even for a moment. I used Dodd's Kidney Pills and they made a new man out of me. I felt as if there was new blood in my veins. I am as stout in the back as a mule and can lift and work as hard as I please without an ache or pain in any part of my body."

"It is now over a year since they cured me and I can say there is not a healthier man in Wyoming than I am, and before using Dodd's Kidney Pills there was not a more complete physical wreck in the whole country than I was."

Some people tell everything they know, and are not very talkative at that.

Deafness Cannot be Cured.

by local applications or any means reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional treatment. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. It is the tube that carries the air from the throat to the ear, and when it is inflamed, the air cannot reach the ear, and the ear becomes deaf. It is a simple matter to cure this condition, and the cure is guaranteed. The cure is guaranteed by the use of the "Deafness Cure" which is sold by the "Deafness Cure" company. The cure is guaranteed by the use of the "Deafness Cure" which is sold by the "Deafness Cure" company. The cure is guaranteed by the use of the "Deafness Cure" which is sold by the "Deafness Cure" company.

We have no earthly use for two.

"I'll take it."

If you don't get the biggest and best it's your own fault. Deafness is for sale everywhere and there is positively nothing to equal it in quality or quantity.

An optimist is a man who thinks his neighbors are almost as good as himself.

Deafness Starch is put up 16 ounces in a package, 10 cents. One-third more starch for the same money.

The bunco man seldom attempts to tackle the farmer who takes in summer boarders.

You never hear any one complain about "Deafness Starch." There is none to equal it in quality, and quantity, 16 ounces, 10 cents. Try it now and save your money.

Of Interest to Women.

The Medical Press and Circular has learned that, so long as skirt bands are fastened round the waist, corsets or stiff material should be worn.